

House Resolution No. 3448

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Koetting, cherished residents of Perryville, Missouri, commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Fiftieth Wedding Anniversary on April 24, 2004, with a festive celebration at the Colonnade Room in Perryville; and

Whereas, Bernie and Rita Koetting welcomed 170 family members and guests to the anniversary party, which was joined by the Reverend Kevin Fausz, C.M., who gave the happy couple the anniversary blessing; and

Whereas, joined in marriage in 1954, Bernie and Rita Koetting began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony; and

Whereas, since that happy day, Bernie and Rita Koetting have witnessed with pleasure the growth of their mutual trust and understanding, qualities which continue to endear them to one another with each passing year; and

Whereas, Bernie and Rita Koetting attribute their fifty years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their two sons, Don and Dick; their daughter-in-law, Winona; and their two grandchildren, Lindsey and Landon; and

Whereas, throughout their blissful union, Bernie and Rita Koetting have remained devoted life partners and have put forth a tremendous amount of effort to ensure the sanctity of the vows they took so very long ago:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for Bernie and Rita Koetting upon the glorious celebration of their Golden Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace and contentment as they proudly continue their journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Bernie Koetting.

Offered by _____
Representative Scott A. Lipke
District No. 157

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 3448, adopted June 21, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker